[Translation]

Telephones in Villages

1734. SHRI LALIT ORAON :
SHRI RAMSAGAR :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages in Gumla, Lohardaga, Ranchi and Plamau district of Bihar and Barabanki district of Uttar Pradesh where the telephone facility is available;

(b) the number of villages in which this facility is not available, district-wise;

(c) the time by which the facility is likely to be provided in these villages;

(d) whether the target fixed to provide telephones in villages has been achieved;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). The details of number of villages with and without public telephone facility upto 31.3.1996, are given below :

S. No.	District	Number of villages with public telephone facility	Number of villages without public telephone facility
	BIHAR		
1.	Gumla	96	1680
2.	Lohardaga	102	1421
3	Ranchi	298	268
4.	Plamau	254	2188
	UTTAR PRADESH		
5.	Barabanki	429	1621

(c) Such facility is likely to be provided to these villages progressively.

(d) to (f). A target of covering all the villages of the country by 1997 has been fixed in the National Telecom Policy. Upto 31.3.1996, this facility has been provided to 216632 villages. The remaining villages are being covered progressively.

Payment of Air Travel Tax by Private Airlines

1735. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the private airlines which have not paid air travel tax and other charges payable to various departments of the Governments;

(b) the amount outstanding against each of the private airlines;

(c) whether some new private airlines have submitted applications for operating air services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). The amount of Inland Travel Tax Payable to Government and outstanding as on 12.7.96 against each private airlines is at Statement I.

The amount of dues outstanding against each of the private airlines payable to Airports Authority of India (AAI) as on 31.1.96 on account of landing, parking and other charges is at Statement II.

(c) and (d). 7 Scheduled and 19 Air Taxi Operators are at present operating in the private sector. In addition, No Objection Certificates have been issued to 30 new applicants to commence services.

STATEMENT I

Name of the Carrier	Outstanding amount of Inland Air Travel Tax as on 12.7.96 (Includes interest and penalty) (Rupees in lakhs)
1. M/s Raj Aviation (P) Ltd	61.76
2. M/s City Link Airways	78.62
3. M/s Air Asiatic Ltd	75.78
4. M/s Continental Aviation (P) Ltd	74.86
5. M/s Goa Airways Aviation	3.30
6. M/s Jagson Airlines	17.30
7. M/s Span Aviation, Pune	13.22
8. M/s VIF Airways Ltd., Hyderabad	23.56
9 M/s U.P. Airways Ltd.	100.71
10. M/s NEPC Airlines	77.48
11. M/s Modiluft	304.41
12. M/s East West Airlines	341.32
13. M/s Skyline NEPC	363.68
14. M/s Archana Airways	5.57

STATEMENT II

Details of Amount Outstanding from Private Airlines Payable to Airports Authority of India as on 31.01.1996

S. No.	Name of the Party	Amount due (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3
1.	Aerial Services	0.47
2.	Archana Airways	15.43

1	2	3
3.	Continental Aviation	36.83
4.	City Link Airways	0.59
5.	Cosmos Flights Ltd.	1.55
6.	Damania Airways	128.39
7.	Delhi Gulf Airways	0.65
8.	Elbee Airlines	3.87
9.	East West Airlines	1185.06
10.	Eastern Airways	0.10
11.	Gujarat Airways	2.76
12.	Jet Airways	208.06
13.	Jagson Airlines	20.84
14.	KCV Airlines	0.95
15.	Mals Deoghar Airways	0.32
16.	Modiluft Airlines	248.90
17.	Megapode Airlines	0.24
18.	NEPC Airlines	113.20
19.	Raj Aviation	4.59
20.	Sahara India Ltd.	143.67
21.	Span Aviation	4.20
22.	Saraya Aviation Pvt. Ltd.	10.81
23.	Trans Bharat Aviation Pvt. Ltd.	12.90
24.	UP Air	33.57
25.	VIF Airways	15.30

Development of Heritage Tourism in Rajasthan

1736. SHRI TARACHAND BHAGORA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for Development of Heritage Tourism in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, since when the said scheme is in operation;

(c) the facilities being provided by the Government of Rajasthan for converting the mansions, forts and palaces into Hotels under the said scheme and the maximum limit of facilities/assistance likely to be provided;

(d) the number of mansions, forts and palaces converted into Heritage Hotels so far in Rajasthan; and

(e) the extent of financial assistance provided to the owners of the said hotels?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, the scheme is in operation since 1992.

(c) The Government of Rajasthan has a scheme from 1993 providing for 20% of the eligible capital investment or 20.00 lakhs whichever is less for Heritage Hotel projects anywhere in the state of Rajasthan and also grant of 25% of the cost of Diesel generating sets or Rs.50,000/- whichever is less for Heritage projects as from 6.6.1994.

(d) There are 30 classified Heritage hotels functioning in Rajasthan at present.

(e) Under the above scheme, the Government of Rajasthan has so far provided assistance of Rs.19.62 lakhs. The Central Government has also released Rs.63.15 lakhs under its scheme for Capital and interest subsidy.

Reservation in Public Sector Undertakings

1737. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Sector Undertakings are not following the recommendations of the Mendal Commission in regard to reservation;

(b) if so, whether the Government have made any review in this regard;

(c) the names of the Undertakings which have followed the recommendations and those which have not followed; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Foreign Investment

1738. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mitsubisi, Huandai of Japan and Korea Republic is engaged in installation of Telecom projects in the country; and

(b) the terms and conditions of these companies specially in investment-sector till 31.3.95?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) M/s Mitsubishi of Japan is one of the Foreign Partners in the Joint Venture Company - M/s RPG Cellular Services Ltd. providing Cellular Mobile Telephone Services in Madras. M/s Huandai of South Korea is not engaged in the installation of a Telecom Project in the country.